



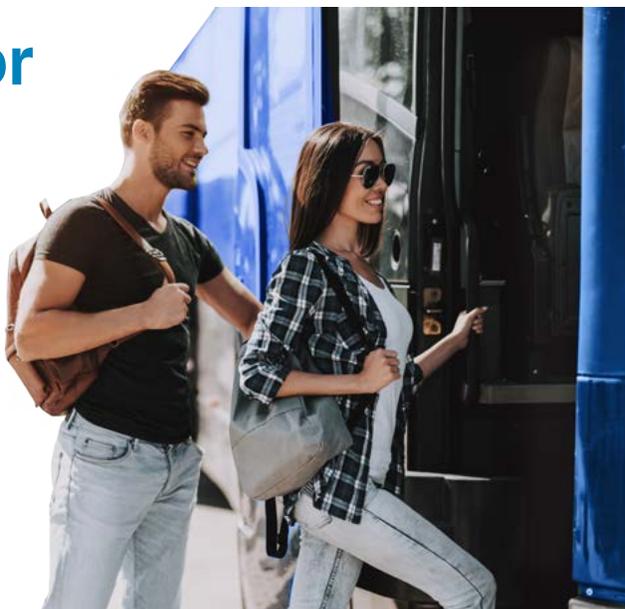
# Club Rideshare

August 2022 Newsletter



## 5 Tools for a Better Bus Ride

OC Bus and other Southern California transit providers continue to add back service that had been reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That means more buses, more often. While riding the bus is now a bit easier than it's been, there are ways to make it even better.



- 1. Get an app to see when your bus will arrive.** Buses these days aren't still running entirely on schedule. OC Bus partners with **Transit**, an app available for free download that provides more accurate estimates of when your bus will actually arrive at your stop.
- 2. Save money and time buying your OC Bus pass through the Rideshare Office.** It's quick to **sign up for the Perk Pass program**. It allows you to pay for your annual or monthly bus passes using pre-tax dollars, reducing your overall taxable income.
- 3. Go to [octa.net](http://octa.net) to find your best route on OC Bus.** As agencies continue to add service back in and adjust routes, there might be a faster or more direct route available for your commute.
- 4. Text for alerts and bus arrival information.** To **get real-time bus arrival information**, text 628246. Then type in your stop number (usually on the posted sign) and route number (i.e., 283 50).

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## Enter to Win a Metrolink Daycation

Ride Metrolink to explore all that Southern California has to offer this summer—from beaches to attractions and more. Now, you can **enter to win a free Metrolink day trip**, including a \$100 gift card and four Metrolink tickets.

Sweepstakes ends Sept. 4.

Get details on Metrolink schedules and destinations at [metrolinktrains.com](http://metrolinktrains.com).



## "Why I Rideshare"

Thomas Taylor walks the two or so miles every day to and from his job at the Sheriff's Department in Irvine—rain or shine. "I haven't driven my car to work in probably close to 10 or 12 years now," he says. "It's got nothing to do with gas prices. It has everything to do with wanting to stay healthy."

He started out skateboarding, then switched to biking



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You can **also sign up to receive alerts by text** to notify you if there are changes to your usual route. To get alerts, text 91923. Type key word JOIN, then a space, then which route you want.

**5. Call for help.** For operator-assisted help finding routes and travel time information, dial 714.636.7433. To get 24/7 automated assistance on bus lines throughout Southern California, dial 511.



## Ride OC Flex for Free

OC Flex shared vans offer on-demand service within certain zones. Unlimited local rides all day are \$4.50 when paid on the OC Flex Mobile App (available from the **App Store** and **Google Play**) or \$5 cash onboard.

To get a free round trip (until Aug. 31), enter code RIDEFREE on the app when requesting a ride. The offer is good for group rides of up to five people traveling at the same time.

OC Flex vans cover portions of Laguna Nigel, Aliso Viejo and Mission Viejo.

For zone maps and more information, visit [octa.net/ocflex](http://octa.net/ocflex).



## New Fiscal Year, New GRH Rides

County of Orange and Superior Court employees can be reimbursed for a ride if they need to get home due to an emergency—up to two rides per fiscal year.

This includes rental car, taxi, Uber/Lyft, transit or approved carsharing companies.

Since a new fiscal began July 1, if you claimed the maximum number of rides home last year, your total number of rides has now reset to zero.

To find out more about the Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) program or to claim a reimbursement, [click here](#).



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before deciding to commute on foot. "Walking to work is nice to get a chance to breathe in the morning and reflect on your day on the way home."

While he appreciates the clean-air benefits of walking, that's not the main reason it's part of his daily life. "I just enjoy it," he says.

## Earn \$5/Day in Incentives

If you rideshare to work from Riverside or San Bernardino counties or the Coachella Valley, you may be able to earn \$5 a day in gift cards from IE Commuter—up to \$125.

The more you rideshare, the more you can earn.

Get details and sign up at [IECommuter.org](http://IECommuter.org).

## Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

We'd like to extend a big "congrats" and thanks for ridesharing to the July winners of the Club Rideshare monthly prize drawing of \$25:

- David Vinh, SSA
- Christopher Espinoza, SSA
- Jeanne McKee, Superior Court



## Have You Moved?

If your home address, work/home phone number or email has changed, please let the Rideshare Office know by sending an email to [rideshare@ocgov.com](mailto:rideshare@ocgov.com).



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